

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

At 3:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5. An act to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431 note) as amended, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term effective March 23, 2012, and ending May 14, 2014: Mr. Robert P. George of Princeton, New Jersey.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 5. An act to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

S. 2230. A bill to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers.

S. 2231. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5441. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0112)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5442. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amdt. No. 3465" ((RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5443. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amdt. No. 3464" ((RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5444. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland Model EC135 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0453)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5445. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CPAC, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1128)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5446. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Mooney Aviation Company, Inc. (Mooney) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0182)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5447. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Aviation Communications and Surveillance Systems (ACSS) Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) Units" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-1204)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5448. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1245)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5449. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1171)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5450. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Considerations for Lavatory Oxygen Systems" ((RIN2120-AJ92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5451. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class D and Class E Airspace; Hawthorne, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0610)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5452. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; South Bend, IN" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0250)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5453. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations; Newport, RI" ((RIN1625-AA01) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0443)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5454. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; HITS Triathlon; Corpus Christi Bayfront, Corpus Christi, TX" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0785)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5455. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Vicinity of Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1166)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5456. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; M/V Del Monte Live-Fire Gun Exercise, James River, Isle of Wight, Virginia" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0010)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5457. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Mississippi River, Mile Marker 230 to Mile Marker 234, in the Vicinity of Baton Rouge, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0841)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5458. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ice Rescue Exercise; Green Bay, Dyckesville, Wisconsin" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1161)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5459. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Mile Marker 35.2 to Mile Marker 35.5, Larose, Lafourche Parish, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1128)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5460. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Potomac and Anacostia Rivers,

Washington, D.C.” ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1165)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5461. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Security Zone; 24th Annual North American International Auto Show, Detroit River, Detroit, MI” ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1157)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5462. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Moving Security Zone Around Escorted Vessels on the Lower Mississippi River Between Mile Marker 90.0 Above Head of Passes to Mile Marker 110.0 Above Head of Passes” ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1063)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5463. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211-Trent 800 Series Turbofan Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0836)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5464. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Authorization to Use Lower Than Standard Takeoff, Approach and Landing Minimums at Military and Foreign Airports; Confirmation of Effective Date of Effective Date” ((RIN2120-AK02) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0007)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5465. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Removal of Category IIIa, IIb, and IIc Definitions” ((RIN2120-AK03) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0019)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5466. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XB049) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5467. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments” (RIN0648-BB88) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5468. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, De-

partment of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XB035) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5469. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; Closure” (RIN0648-XA990) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5470. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species by Amendment 80 Vessels in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XB044) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5471. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands” (RIN0648-XB038) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5472. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XB036) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5473. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 50 Feet (15.2 Meters) Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XB062) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5474. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XB051) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Col. Peter R. Masciola, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Mark A. Ediger, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger, to be General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Colonel Ondra L. Berry and ending with Colonel Thad L. Myers, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 16, 2012.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brigadier General Steven A. Cray and ending with Brigadier General Eric W. Vollmecke, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 16, 2012.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brigadier General David W. Allvin and ending with Brigadier General Kenneth S. Wilsbach, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 16, 2012.

Air Force nominations beginning with Colonel Steven M. Balser and ending with Colonel Sallie K. Worcester, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 29, 2012. (minus 1 nominee: Colonel Robert C. Bolton)

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Clyde D. Moore II, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Douglas D. Delozier, to be Brigadier General.

*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Michael X. Garrett, to be Major General.

Army nominations beginning with Brigadier General Robert P. Ashley, Jr. and ending with Brigadier General Darrell K. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2012.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Craig A. Bugno, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. David D. Halverson, to be Lieutenant General.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with Matthew R. Gee and ending with Victor G. Soto, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 29, 2012.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kerry L. Lewis and ending with Lynn M. Miller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 12, 2012.

Army nomination of Richard M. Scott, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Keith J. Andrews and ending with Douglas W. Weaver, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 6, 2012.

Army nominations beginning with Dwight Y. Shen and ending with Carol J. Pierce, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 16, 2012.

Army nomination of Shane T. Taylor, to be Major.